MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1909. Partly cloudy to-day and to-morrow; probably local rains; fresh

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#### PRICE TWO CENTS.

## HIGH PRESSURE'S TOUGH JOB LICKLES ITS FIERCEST FIRE

YET AND CONQUERS.

gines Did a Stroke-Flames Drowned Out by 600,000 Gallons of Water.

Although the new high pressure water system again proved its effectiveness at a fire that gutted the five story buildup that Deputy Chief Joe Martin, who was boss of the department in the absence men to man the lines.

It was the worst and the toughest fire in the high pressure zone since the system was installed and gave the firemen as hard a fight as they have had in many a day. hummer from the very start the fourteen engines that responded weren't called burning building.

rumped from the Oliver street high gustine, Fla. ressure station drowned out the flames. and sixteen lines of hose, including one connections with the high presure hy- station. drants and got the tower and the tender the flames were conquered.

The building runs back two hundred depth and the fact that the fire started 220 West Forty-fifth street." in the centre of it are other reasons why were unable to get at it from a good from oint of vantage.

The fire was seen first by Policeman the two missing rings. Roger McCoy of the Macdouga! street the windows on the fourth floor, which facturers of ladies' undergarments, whose Headquarters as a suspicious person. workroom was on the fifth. McCoy pulled the box at West Broadway and Broome street and when Deputy Chief start and had eaten up to the fifth floor. The high pressure tender was stationed street side and both got into action with a pressure two hundred pounds to the square inch. Chief Martin soon saw, however, that the fire was gaining headand had street lines stretched in.

An engine company crew mounted the fire escapes on the West Broadway side to get a high pressure steam playing into the building, but it was so smoky and hot Alleges That Wife Had Secret Code for on the fourth floor that they had to back their heads, they climbed the iron ladders, county, has brought an action for \$30,000 and Chief Martin sent in a third alarm damages against the Rev. Edward F. so be could have enough men to work in Hard, former pastor of the Baptist Church relays in their attempts to stretch in at Newport, alleging alienation of the

There was water enough, but it takes in the action have just been served. four or five men to handle a high pressure | According to the complaint in the

rumble and then a terrific report.

shaft and over it a glass skylight. This as follows: came down with a crash, and a few seconds

collapsed.

Thousands of tons of débris and goods where fifteen men of Fire, Patrol No. 1 I have come to realize more fully how were covering goods with tarpaulins, completely it possesses my whole being." They heard the rumbling noise before out of the way in the nick of time. One you think so?" of the fire patrollmen, James Cooley, and a long dash. Then follows: was struck by a beam and bowled over. but escaped with a wrenched kneecap time the fire had not eaten down to the ower floors and was principally confined

Chief Martin saw that he had won. It Queen) and "D. S." (Dear Sweetheart) was the first big fire at which the engines were silent. There was no tooting of no "Give us more water, Thirty-three." With a pressure of from 100 to 200 erty under bail. unds a nozzle kicks more'n a mule, nd where two men can handle an engine

the shaft set fire to everything below.

takes four or five to direct a high Deputy Fire Commissioner Whitney Deputy Police Commissioner Bugher,

Ahlers, who had charge of the

scioner Bugher. ons & Co., dealers in sponges of skins, who were on the ground nounced on Tuesday. rous & Scherr, suspender manuthe second; I. Gerstein, of muslin underwear, on S. N. Beck & Co. on the

ourth and fifth.

HOSPITAL NURSE ARRESTED. Suspected of Taking Patient's Rings-

Sends the Hings Back. Magda Wagkamp, a trained nurse who had been employed in the private hospital conducted by Mrs. E. L. King at Three Alarms Necessary to Get Enough | 220 West Forty-fifth street, was locked up Men, but None of the Fourteen En- at Police Headquarters late last night under suspicion of the theft of two diamond rings, valued at \$1,500, which were missed by one of Mrs. King's patients on December 5. The woman denied that she had taken the diamonds and gave the police a good previous record.

According to the complaint which Mrs. ing at 387 and 389 West Broadway yester- King made at Headquarters on December day, the blaze was going at such a ter- 16 Mrs. Fergueson Brown of Louisville, rific rate by the time the first engine rolled Ky., who is one of the patients at the hospital, had put her diamonds in her trunk on December 5 before leaving her room for a short period. When she re- new born baby. of Chief Croker, found it necessary to turned they were gone. Mrs. King tap in three alarms in order to get enough | could not bring any direct evidence against the nurse save that to sav that since she had been employed at the hospital many petty thefts had been noted and that the nurse had access to the room where the and by Charles McCafferty, a lawyer patient kept her jewels.

Under old conditions five alarms would told the detectives that she came to this the owner, reserved the first floor and attempts are being made upon her life. that sometimes the people did not stop have been sent in. While the blaze was a country on the same steamer with the late Lieut.-Gen. John M. Schofield at the time that he was returning from Europe just before his death in 1906. The Genupon to pump a drop of water into the eral had met her, she said, and had engaged her to be his nurse. She was with children to bed. There were five of might make Mrs. Webb angry and get a Six hundred thousand gallons of water him until he died at his home in St. Au-

After the nurse had been booked at Headquarters the detectives started to 10 years old; Dorothy, 5 Marion Thomas. take her to the Mercer street station, 17, and Alice Thomes, 14, two nieces whom from the deck pipe of the high pressure where she would be given over into the the Stevensons brought up. Besides tender No. 202 and water tower No. 1 hands of a matron. As Miss Wagkamp these there was little Nixon O'Neill, who did the job. The system worked admir- descended the steps at Headquarters a had come from his home at 530 Eastern ably from the moment the firemen made man met her and walked with her to the Parkway in the afternoon to play with

About an hour later the same man, working, but the fire was so flerce that it so it was proved subsequently, appeared let him. was nearly an hour and a half before at Mrs. King's hospital and handed her a package wrapped in a brown paper and sealed with a two cent stamp. The the young nurse from St. Mary's Hosfeet to 73 and 75 Wooster street, and its package was addressed "Mrs. Brown, pital, who had come to care for Mrs. Mc-

Mrs. King detained the messenger on three alarms were sent in. The firemen the pretext of having to get a receipt

Mrs. King kept the man at the hospistation. He saw smoke trickling through tal on a pretext while she notified Headquarters. A detective appeared and put was occupied by S. N. Beck & Co., manu- him under arrest. He was booked at

After his arrest the man said that he was Walter Deselaers of 339 East Ninetieth street, a friend of Miss Wagkamp. He Martin dashed up the flames had a big added that when the nurse was leaving Headquarters on her way to the Mercer which he should mail immediately

After the nurse had been locked up in the station he had decided, said Deselaers, that it would be better to deliver way, and after he had watched the battle the package in person and had gone seven minutes he tapped in a second alarm straight to the address written upon the match.

# HUSBAND SUES MINISTER.

Correspondence With Preacher. sipe from the tender shooting water over D. N. Boynton of Newport, Herkimer affections of Mrs. Boynton. The papers

nozzle and the fire was going with such action Mr. Boynton alleges that following intensity that it required a lot of lines. his return from a two years stay in Ken-Sixteen of them, all high pressure, were tucky in the early summer of 1904 he going full tilt at 2:23 o'clock, twenty-five noticed that the clergyman was very ninutes after the first alarm was tapped friendly with Mrs. Boynton, but thought nothing of it until the people of Newport Sheets of flame and dense clouds of called his attention to the matter; that black smoke were gushing from the win- his wife refused his request to discontinue dows on the fourth and fifth floors and her relations with the Rev. Mr. Hard. the air was filled with sparks and blazing and that subsequently, discovering a bunch of letters which he alleges passed Chief Martin after a while thought he between the minister and Mrs. Boynton. had the fire down, but suddenly there was he separated from his wife. One of the letters which it is alleged the Rev. Mr. In the centre of the building was a wide Hard wrote to Mrs. Boynton runs in part

"You will never know how much my ater the fourth and fifth floors, weaken- dear sweetheart is to me nor how I long one of the policemen ran back to do it, ing under the weight of the tons of water, to look into those dear road lights again. on the lower floors stored near the shaft have certainly never had a doubt of the reeling about in the smoke with Miss crashed down to the ground floor, reality or quality of my attachment, but Ryan, who had fainted, in his arms.

Then follows a whole lot of dots, mixed the crash came and made a bee line for with some words that would indicate the street. Six of them were at work that each knew what the dots meant. at the bottom of the shaft and just got After the dotting came the words, "Don't Marion Thomas put her head over the

"You may have to study a while this page, but I wanted to say all this and we've got to get the children out. He was attended by Ambulance Surgeon and more to you to-day, feeling as I do; There's nobody else. Here, I'll take Roberts of the Hudson street hospital yet I do not care to enlighten even a and removed to his home. Up to that possible outsider into whose hands you know this might perchance fall.'

to the fourth and fifth, but the shower that his wife and the Rev. Dr. Hard had by the hand, too sleepy to see anything. f blazing goods that dropped through a secret code which they used in much of their correspondence and that the pass the open door into the bedroom, The firemen stretched in lines on the clergyman interspersed the love notes which by that time was burning flercely ground floor while others got into action which it is claimed he wrote with the The McCafferty children had escaped on the fire escapes and an hour later letters "M. O. B. Q." (My Own Beautiful

Mr. and Mrs. Boynton are among the wealthiest residents of the village of whistles for fuel, no engines pumping. Newport and up to the time of their where it started and to the attic above. separation a few months ago were promior "Shut down, Twenty-four." The high nent in religious and social affairs in the pressure proved its efficiency, but yes- community. Mrs. Boynton has a fortune lerday's fire showed that while it has of more than \$50,000 in her own right. revolutionized fire fighting the depart- The Rev. Mr. Hard was arrested at Freent still has to have as many men as of donia a few days ago, but is now at lib-

#### RAINES ENDS HIS VISIT. Has Not Been Sounding a Trumpet, Whatever He Was After.

Senator John Raines, who is to try to ere on the scene, said the high pres- get a State constabulary bill through the wonders. Policeman Mc- Legislature again, has been in town for stunated the damage at \$50,000, but two days Senator Raines has been going men on the job said \$200,000 about very quietly and it could not be Open Shop Remains the Rule and Men learned whether or not he had been inof thousands two blocks from the gave up his room at the Grand Union

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POISON FOR NEW YEAR'S GIFT. SAVED THE NEW BABY FIRST

THEN THE MOTHER AND NURSE AT A FIRE IN FLATBUSH.

dized, but the Older Ones Rescued the Juntors Mother and Nurse Badly Burned-Police Dogs Bayed Alarm.

Lady and Donna, police dogs of the Parkville station, bayed out the first alarm early yesterday morning of a fire which partly destroyed the two family house at 424 East Fourth street, Flatbush. jeopardizing the lives of seven sleeping children and a helpless woman with her

The house, a two story and attic frame In the box was this note: structure of Queen Anne style, was occupied by Samuel Stevenson, who works in the Surrogate's office in Brooklyn, of 373 Fulton street, who used to be coun-Miss Wagkamp, who is a Hollander, sel to the State Comptroller. Stevenson, force Mrs. Webb to believe that deliberate The men in charge of the collecting said attic for himself and let out the second floor to McCafferty

> night to as they trudged up stairs to their cots under the eaves. They were Helen, tical.

the Stevenson children and who begged so hard to stay over night that his mother

"You'll look out for them, won't you?" Mrs. Stevenson asked Miss Mary Ryan,

Mrs. Brown. The two women went out. Pretty soon it was bedtime depriving him of his offices is less couropened the package and found within for the McCafferty children, too. They are Kathleen, 8 years old, and Mary, 6, apartment.

Mrs. McCafferty and Miss Ryan also retired early, the patient being put into Shih Kai temporarily. another room.

when she looked around again she saw

flame and in doing so must have knocked recognized exponent. over the uncorked bottle of alcohol. Any- There is considerable anxiety about nationalities that drift up and down the way it tipped over. In an instant the the future. Yuan Shih Kai's fall may Bowery. Even Chinamen knew what the bed in which Mrs McCafferty lay her child upon her arm.

snatched a quilt from the foot of the bed, a disturbing situation which had not yet caught, wrapped the

By the time she got back to the bed Mrs. McCafferty's night clothes were afire She put them out barehanded and had her bundled up and ready for Mr. McCafferty to carry out when he reappearred.

At East Fourth street and Beverly road, long block away, Policeman Clement Christiansen and George Wise of the Parkville station were passing the time of night. Suddenly their dogs, Lady and Donna, lying at their feet, began to whine and strain at their leashes. The policemen gave the dogs their head and they were piloted to the burning house, where they arrived just as McCafferty was taking out his wife. Nobody had thought yet to turn in an alarm, and while the other helped in the rescuing. They are the stars that have, oh, so often, Upstairs Christiansen found John Robinspoken joy and cheer to my heart. I son, a neighbor, of 418 East Fourth street, Both were badly burned. Without police help they might not have escaped.

The children upstairs, meantime, were cowering in their beds, bewildered by the noise and confusion below. Finally Then peculiar marks railing and smelled the smoke that came up from below. "Alice." she said quietly to her sister, "there's a fire downstairs,

Nixon. You lead the other two. She flung the boy, still sleeping, over her shoulder, and started down. Alice It Will Take Several Days to Pass Through School Commissioner Boynton alleges followed, leading the two other children On the way down the little party had to

early by the back way. The fire burned for perhaps three-quar- and his staff will go to-morrow. ters of an hour. When the firemen got there they held it pretty well to the floor The damage is put at \$10,000.

Miss Ryan and Mr. McCafferty removed to the Kings County Hospital, relief. both badly burned. Miss Ryan's nightgown had caught fire and she was so Ocean Parkway. Mrs. McCafferty was through the canal. badly burned and is suffering as well from baby was unharmed.

Who Could Go Have Gone Back.

The strike of the cabmen was officially declared off last night after a meeting at thousands two blocks from the sate of the four sides and did his job so yesterday afternoon and returned to the headquarters of the men at Eighteenth he was personally complimented Albany Part of his business while here, street and Eighth avenue. It has been Albany Part of his business while here, it is said, concerned the makeup of the Senate committees, which will be announced on Tuesday.

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Box of Chocolates Left With Loving Note Contained Argente.

WINCHANDON, Mass., Jan. 3.-Miss Florence Oakes of this town narrowly escaped death on New Year's eve by poison. Miss Seven Sleeping Children Also Jeopar. Oakes was visiting her mother, Mrs. George H. Webb, at Pawtucket when a young man rang the door bell. Mrs. Webb answered. He handed her a pack age and hastened off. Mrs. Webb opened the package and detected a white spot on one of the chocolates in the box. She ran after the young man, but was unable to get a glimpse of him.

> When she returned she was just in time was turned over to George E. Perkins, a chemist. He found arsenic in the candy.

Wish you a happy New Year. FROM AN OLD SWEETHEART.

The handwriting is evidently that of On February 12 last her husband received an anonymous letter from a woman admirer who said she had looked into his Saturday night the Stevensons went cosey home, would like to become its misout for the evening, first putting the trees and suggested means by which he them that Mrs. Stevenson called good separation. The handwriting on the New Year's card and this letter are iden-

Soon after the receipt of the letter Mrs. Webb one morning found a milk bottle at her door. It was not the same quantity she usually received and was not in the same place, and besides she had received her usual supply. This milk was thrown awdy

#### MANCHU SUCCEEDS YUAN. Only Two Chinese Now on the Grand Council-Seant Courtesy for Reformer.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. caused universal surprise, continues to Miss Ryan promised and the Stevensons be discussed. It is noted that the edict teous than is customary in such cases.

the little bedroom back of their parents' leaves only two Chinese members of that body, Na Tung being a Manchu. Liang Lung Yen will succeed Yuan

the "big bed" and the nurse lying down beside her. Mr. McCafferty slept in a spondent of the Times cables that a meeting of the representatives of eight of the flowing and had to go back to the office At 2 in the morning Mrs. McCafferty great Powers, held at the United States of the Italian Central Express Company awoke and Miss Ryan got up to give Legation Sunday, decided to invite the and deposit their loads. By 3 o'clock the Superintendent of the Department of street station she brushed against him her an alcohol bath. Nobody knows consent of their respective Governments room in which the clothing was stored on the West Broadway side and the water and subsequently told him in German exactly what happened after that. Miss to their making friendly representations was piled to the cailing. The steamship Ryan had her back turned to the bed to the Regent, not with a view to the lines, of course, will transport it free of while she was preparing the bath, and reinstatement of Yuan Shih Kai, because charge. that is an internal affair of China, but a crawling blue flame that widened and to express the hope that the dismissal of quarters, half dollars and in a few inwidened along the table top from an ash that statesman, whose presence in the stances bills. There were literally pounds receiver in which there lay a lighted Government inspired considence abroad of coppers. for its stability, may not be due to a re-

> blue flame leaped from the table on to affect others who owe their advancement the appeal was for and came forward with to his influence, especially Tang Shao with money. The young Yi, whose mission cannot hope to receive no one pass and the tenements and the "Take the baby," she said quite calmly, so favorable hearing from the Powers saloons had to give tribute. "Never mind the fire." Miss Ryan who are now witnessing the creation of

#### child up in it and then, as Mr McCafferty LODGE SPOKE FOR MEYER. burst through the door, she passed it to Went to Augusta to Urge Him for a Place in Taft's Cabinet.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 3 .- Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts came here to suggest the name of George von L. Meyer, the present Postmaster-General, for a post in the Taft Cabinet. Unofficial Cabinet builders have from the start mentioned Mr. Meyer as a strong possibility, preferably for Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. Meyer is one of Mr. Taft's best friends and it is known that Mr. Taft still has his name under considera-Senator Lodge left Augusta for

Washington this afternoon Mr. Taft attended the Protestant Episcopal church this morning and spent

the afternoon in visiting friends. The Birmingham, Ala., delegation day and took National Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock back home with them when they left to-night. Most of the delegates are Democrats, but they did not appear to be shocked over the prospect going home with the Republican national chairman in tow.

Mr. Hitchcock said frankly that he was going over to Birmingham to get better acquainted with the delegation and the city. He will be back in Augusta Tuesday

morning. It is expected that Senator Knox will arrive Tuesday or Wednesday.

## THE FLEET AT SUEZ.

the Canal-Plans Undecided.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN SUEZ, Jan. 3.-The American battleship fleet, Rear Admiral Sperry commanding, arrived here to-day, homeward bound. Two hundred of the officers 240 individuals or firms. Those subscribhave gone to Cairo, where Admiral Sperry

After coaling at Port Said a few of the ships will go to Malta, Trieste, Italian ports, Algiers and Marseilles. Others will go to Messina with provisions and were medical stores and assist in the work of

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.-Rear Admiral Sperry, commanding the Atlantic battlebadly burned that she may die. She is ship fleet, reported his arrival at Suez, 22 years old. Mrs. McCafferty and her at the south end of the canal, to the Navy baby were taken to the home of the family Department to-day. It will require two physician, Dr. Edward G. Hynes of 80 or three days for the whole fleet to pass

The vessels will take on board about shock, but will probably recover. The 25,000 tons of coal at Port Said. As soon as the replenishing of the bunkers is completed they will be ready to start for the CAB STRIKE DECLARED OFF. earthquake district in case it is decided to send them there. No reply has been received at the State Department from the Italian Government to President Roosevelt's offer to send the whole fleet or any part of it to the earthquake zone to render assistance.

The original itinerary provided that the battleships Georgia, Nebraska, Ken-tucky, Wisconsin and Illinois were to go

HOUSE TO HOUSE FOR MONEY EAST SIDE ITALIANS MAKE SUN-

Cartloads of Clothes and Boxes of Money and Other Bodles-Carnegle Tops the Red Cross List With \$10,000.

DAY COLLECTION DAY.

The Red Cross had a long list of givers yesterday for the earthquake sufferers headed by a \$10,000 donation from Andrew Carnegie. Churches everywhere took up to prevent Miss Oakes from eating the collections to be devoted to the needs chocolates. On Friday she reported the of the Italians, the total amount of which circumstance to the authorities. The box will not be known for some days. On the East Side in the vicinity of Mulberry street, in the region of East 110th street DEAR ONE: Please accept a small gift and in the Sicilian quarter east of First rom one who thinks of you often. For you avenue and immediately south of Fourteenth street house to house collections were made not only of money but of woman. Several strange occurrences such clothing as the people could spare. to think whether they could get along without their overcoats but threw them on the wagons just the same.

The Salesian Fathers' Church in East Twelfth street, of which the Rev. John Ferraza is rector, sent out yesterday morning a wagon through the parish and collected two loads of clothing and about \$700 in money from the people of the The Italian newspaper Il Progresso organized two similar invasions of the territory on the upper and lower East Side. Nunziante Forienza of the Italian Central Express Company contributed all the wagons which he had at his disposition and sent them out under the guidance of the recruits of Il Progresso. L. Vola of 58 James street gave the services of his band.

The procession started out at about 9 in the morning from the office of II PEKIN, Jan. 3.—The dismissal of the Progresso on Centre street. The one Cafferty, when a boy was born nine days Grand Councillor Yuan Shih Kai, which aiming for Harlem went to its destination without much ado, but the party which was out to cover the lower East Side set about its business immediately. It went It is also thought significant that Na back at 4 in the afternoon it had traversed into Exposition Rink after the hall had and they were tucked into their cribs in Tung's admission to the Grand Council the district bounded by Mulberry, Bleecker, Catharine and Cherry streets.

The young Italian women who volunteered their services went among the people with large tin boxes. Everybody came forward with money and clothing. Some of the wagons were filled to over-

The money came in nickels and dimes,

The givers were by no means all Ital-She turned screaming to put out the versal of the policy of which he was the lans. There were Jews, Germans, Irishmen. Russians, Hungarians and all the

> The boxes when they came back of them and each contained about \$170. One of those who went with the wagons was Dr. Nicola Gigliotti of Erie, Pa., who is about to start for Italy with six rescue. He is the brother of the Mayor of Reggio and he believes that his brother perished in the demolition of the Calabrian town. He had with him the copy of a letter which he received a year ago last September from the Archbishop of Reggio. It ran thus:

NAPLES, Sept. 25, 1907. Nicola Gigliotti: When after twenty-five years of absence you remember your old master, with whom you had so many controversies on account of the Darwinian doctrine, I cannot call you any more Spiritus Procellarum (Spirit of the Storm). Thank you, Doctor, thank you. I will keep very dear the picture of say you will come in the near future to visit who spoke so eloquently in the cottage Italy. I cannot think any more of anyyesterday remained in the city over Sun- thing but the eternal life. The prosperity of the soul is the only thing I wish to me and to you. We will not meet any more. are in America; I am at Reggio. I will die bring some of your energy among the unfortunates. It will be perhaps the last wish

of your affectionate, G. CARDINAL PORTANOVA. Archbishop of Reggio. The Cardinal died six months ago. Cross, 500 Fifth avenue, yesterday and robbed of \$10,000. amounted to about \$22,000. Andrew Car-Erening News sent \$1,000 apiece William Robert S. Brewster were down for \$500

Subscriptions to the Italian Relief last night and the one with the rifled Fund of the New York Stock Exchange safe got in this morning. now amount to \$35,000. The subscription list contains the names of about ing \$500 or more are De Coppet & Doremus. \$1,000; Newborg & Co., \$500; Clarence E. Chapman, \$500; Francis L. Leland, \$1,000; Asid & Co., \$500; Moore & Schley, \$500; James B. Colgate & Co., \$500; R. L. Day & Co., \$500; Chauncey & Co., \$500; A. Iselin & Co., \$500; Henry Clews & Co., \$500; Homans & Co., \$500; De Coppet & Co., \$500; Spencer, Trask & Co., \$500; F. S. Smithers & Co., \$500; Henry R. McHarg,

### RICH MAN KILLS HIMSELF. Fires Bullet Into His Head in the Presence of His Wife.

AMERICUS, Ga., Jan. 3.-Col. J. C. the investigation as follows: Roney, the wealthiest man in southwest o'clock this morning in the presence of his wife.

Col. Roney complained of feeling ill this morning and did not rise for break-fast. After Mrs. Roney finished break-fast she returned to her husband's room. As she entered the door she saw Col. Roney, who was sitting up in bed, place a revolver to his head and pull the trigger. It is believed that he was temporarily deranged. He was a brother of Judge

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NEW PLOT TO KILL THE CZAR. Many Arrests After Explosion of a Bomb in a St. Petersburg Cafe.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Jan. 4.-The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail says that several persons have been arrested 30,000 People Flee From Their Homes Brought In by Workers From Churches at Tsarskoe-Selo in connection with a supposed Terrorist plot against the im-

perial family. The discovery of the plot resulted from the accidental explosion of a bomb that was laid on a table in a café on Nevsky street on the night of January 2 by a

student

## CROKER'S NINETEEN GUESTS. He Gives a Dinner at the Club to Return

A waiter was killed by the explosion.

Hospitalities. Some of the members of the Croker old guard dined with their former chief at the Democratic Club last evening. Mr. Croker was the host and his old friends sat about a horseshoe table with him

morning and the dinner was given to return the hospitality which had been extended to him since his arrival. Most of the guests invited by Mr. Croker were officeholders at one time or another when Mr. Croker was handing out the plums and they drank his health and lapsed. There was a considerable panic, wished him many more years. The guests were: Ex-Senator John Fox, Andrew Freedman, John W. Keller, Senator Thomas Grady, Supreme Court Justice M. Warley Platzek, John J. Scannell, Edward Sheehy, Michael T. Daly, George F. Spinney, Thomas L. Feitner, Dr. John B. Cosby, Municipal Court Justice Herman Joseph, J. B. Hasslocher, Henry W. Unger, John Whalen, Judge Warren W. Foster of the Court of General Sessions, C. C. Hughes, Magistrate Henry Steinert and tation, have hitherto been less helped Richard Croker, Jr.

#### PITTSBURGERS ASK PRAYERS. U. S. Judge, Head of Police and Council-

man Ask Gypsy Smith's Intercessions. PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 3.-Gypsy Smith. the evangelist, stirred Pittsburg to-day and forty policemen were required to up Mulberry street, and before it came keep the crowds from forcing their way been filled. The unusual sight of the head of the city's police department, a Judge of the United States Court and the burning of the ruins is much doubted. alleged leader of all the grafting councilmen rising at one time to ask that they be prayed for was one scene in the rink this afternoon.

to be prayed for to rise Edward Lang. Public Safety; United States Judge Joseph Buffington, and Councilman John Klein

To-night the police department had to close all streets leading to Exposition Rink

#### CASTRO HAS A BAD TURN. Taken Again to Sanitarium of Dr. Israel for Speedy Operation.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, Jan. 4 .- According to the Berlin correspondent of the Dally Mail ex-President Castro's condition has sud-

denly become worse. He has been hurriedly taken again from his hotel to Dr. Israel's sanitarium, where were very heavy There were fourteen an operation in the neighborhood of his kidneys will be performed in a day or

#### NICARAGUA NEAR WAR. companions to help with the work of Troops Threaten Honduras Because of Conspiracy Against Zelaya.

MOBILE, Jan. 3.—That a revolution has just been nipped in the bud by the activity of President Zelaya of the Republic of of medicines and other supplies, which Nicaragua was the news which came here Prime Minister Giolitti has ordered to be to-day According to stories brought by conveyed to Messina immediately. steamship passengers the Governments of Nicaragua and Salvador will be accused of using Honduras to conspire against Milan, who has reached Messina. President Zelaya of Nicaragua. The reports that there is urgent need of duras in preparation for an attack.

The demonstration is thought to be simply an effort to break the power of your holy wife and of your children. You Zelaya and to seat Gen. Orais in the additional \$100,000 from the American Presidency. It is said to be backed by Red Cross. The American colony hers certain commercial interests which would will despatch a relief ship to Messina not otherwise receive recognition in the and Reggio. A committee for this purlittle republic. Fighting is expected.

## before long. I will not see the ruin of this poor city. If the ruin comes and I am gone Safe on Train Dynamited and Looted of \$10,000.

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 3.-A telephone message to the Dallas police department says that the safe of the "101 Ranch" show was dynamited last night on the jour-The contributions to the American Red | ney between San Antonio and Fort Worth

One of the robbers was captured, but negie led off with \$10,000. Thomas F. the one with the money escaped. His here. Ryan, Amos E. Eno and the Newark name is given as Cummins, and a description was furnished to the detective di-Iselin & Co., Mrs. Morris K. Jesup and vision of the Dallas police department. The circus was travelling by two special trains. One arrived at Fort Worth early

## THE AIR IN THE SUBWAY. Geo. A. Soper Says It Contains Only Half

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.- The Smithsonian Institution is publishing as an appendix to its annual report a number of papers prepared by scientists, and among them is one by George A. Soper. This is described as "an article relating to man's health; embracing a study as a typical example of the air of the New York subway prior to 1906."

as Many Bacteria as Outside Air.

Mr. Soper's paper is said to contain the results of his investigation, conducted at the request of the Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners for the city of New York. The paper summarizes

\*Several thousand analyses were made Georgia, blew out his brains about 9 upon which to found conclusions, and according to usual sanitary standards, based on both chemical and bacteriological analyses, it was found that the general air of the subway was always and everywhere satisfactory, the air of cars in the winter not included. It was completely renewed at least every half hour. Only about half as many bacteria were found in the subway as outside, but it was not possible to prove that this half included no more harmful bacteria than the air outside.'

PRE-EMINENTLY THE FLORIDA ROUTE. Atlantic Coast Line R. R. "N. Y. & Fla. Special," 2:10 P. M. B'way, cor. 30th St.—Ade.

NEW SHOCK; NEW DISASTER

CALTAGIRONE, SICILY, PARTLY LAID IN RUINS.

-Paimi Also Shaken -- Mr. Griscom's Relief Work-Rome Enthusiastic Over

King and Queen-Despair in Messina. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ROME, Jan. 3.-There was a strong earthquake at dawn to-day at Caltagirone, in the southeastern part of Sicily. followed by a rumbling noise. Many houses collapsed, including a school, which in falling brought down a church, burying the sexton and his son. There were also considerable landslides, and

fissures appeared in the earth. The inhabitants, numbering 30,000, are terrified and refuse to reenter their houses, from which they fled at the first shock. They are camping in the open Mr. Croker starts for Palm Beach this country. Other slighter shocks were felt at Fano and Pesaro, and also in the Messina and Reggio areas, awakening fresh alarm among the survivors.

Two slight shocks were felt at Palmi, where several tottering buildings colwhich subsided when the shocks were not repeated.

A newspaper states that the King has decided to open all the royal palaces and villas to receive sick and wounded people. who will be cared for entirely at his expense. He wishes that they shall be used particularly to accommodate survivors from small and remote villages who, owing to the difficulties of transpor-

than the people along the coasts. It is officially stated that warships have removed 10,370 persons injured by the earthquake. This number includes 1,209 by British, 900 by German and 881 by Russian ships. The rest were saved

by Italian ships. Owing to the difficulties of burying the dead at Messina, many bodies are now placed on lighters, covered with quicklime, towed to sea and thrown overboard

The accuracy of the reports of the intended bombardment, dynamiting or It is stated in some quarters that the idea has been definitely abandoned, as survivors continue to be found in the most unexpected manner. Moreover it When Smith asked all those who wanted is recalled that a similar proposal at the time of the disaster at Casamicciola some time ago was abandoned when everything was actually ready to complete the destruction of the place and the next day ten survivors were found.

Prime Minister Giolitti is quoted as saying that 80,009 dead at and near Messina have already been buried. The danger of pestilence is still great, but it is not thought possible to completely cover the ruins with quicklime, as has been suggested. Such an enormous quantity as would be required could scarcely be obtained.

The reconstruction of all the ruined places presents a grave problem, but in no case will Reggio and Messina be rebuilt in the foolish manner of the past. The question will be referred to a commission of experts, who will fix regulations for rebuilding.

Ambassador Griscom has been informed that the auxiliary cruiser Scorpion will arrive at Messina to-morrow morning. As she is not provided with supplies to enable her to join in the relief work, a committee has been organized here under the presidency of Mrs. Griscom to provide her with an outfit

Mr. Griscom has received a despatch from Bayard Cutting, Vice-Consul at Nicaraguan Government was said to be foodstuffs, especially bread, butter, lining up troops on the border of Hon-macaroni and oil. The American consular officials are busy distributing what supplies they have.

Mr. Griscom handed over to-day an pose has been formed with Mr. Griscom as chairman, Nelson Gay secretary and 101 RANCH SHOW ROBBED. George Page treasurer. Mr. Parrish of New York and Mr. Hopper of Boston are members.

It has been decided to charter a steamer and load it with provisions, medicines and tents. Doctors and nurses have been secured to accompany the ship. It should be sent immediately, but \$150,000 is needed for expenses. The organizers hope the Mayor of New York will initiate a collection to aid and that he will cable the money

Meanwhile the steamer has been secured and her fitting out has commenced. Many important details have been arranged, and the relief expedition will start as soon as possible. The committee, besides cooperating with the Italian anthorities, will act independently. It will undertake to give suggestions and advice to American contributors concerning the most effective way to help. Contributions for the relief ship may be cabled

through any bank to Mr. Griscom. King Victor and Queen Elena returned to Rome at noon to-day. Having learned that the people proposed a big demonstration of welcome, they landed at Gaeta and came to Rome in an automobile instead of by train. Entering the capital, they were almost unrecognized In the evening, however, a huge, enthusiastic crowd assembled in front of the Quirinal Palace, cheering the sovereigns and "evvivaing" the heroic couple, who they declared were real parents of the

people The enthusiasm was extraordinary for Rome, where perfervid royalist demonstrations are unusual. Many foreigners were present, and they joined in the applause. Eventually the King and Queen came out on a balcony and bowed their acknowledgments silently. They both looked fatigued and careworn.

to the cheerers to desist, evidently meaning that he regarded the acclamations as being out of place owing to the national sorrow. Many of the onlookers were overcome and wept at the sight of the sovereigns, whose devotion to the suf-

The King raised his hand and motioned

ferers has endeared them to the populace. Despair is settling on the Sicilians and Calabrians in many places. True, num-